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SUBJECT: NIH POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

REF: (A) STATE 191130, (B) CONDLIFFE/MILLER LETTER

1. SINCE ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER CONTACT REGARDING SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE NIH POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP HAS IN THE PAST BEEN DIRECTLY BETWEEN NIH AND THE SA MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (MRC), WE SUGGEST IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR NIH RATHER THAN THE EMBASSY TO ADVISE THE MRC ABOUT TERMINATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. WE TAKE IT FROM REFTEL (A) THAT NIH ACCEPTS THE GROUNDS FOR DISCONTINUING SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION. PARTICULARLY IF THAT IS THE CASE, IT WOULD BE WELL TO LET THE SOUTH AFRICANS KNOW THAT CONCERNS ABOUT THE SA SYSTEM OF INSTITUTIONAL DISCRIMINATION EXTEND EVEN INTO THE AREA OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY AND RESEARCH. WE SUGGEST THAT NIH, IN ITS REPLY TO THE MRC, BE QUITE FRANK IN STATING THE REASON FOR THE TERMINATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION.

2. IN REFTEL (B) CONDLIFFE PROPOSED VISITING SOUTH AFRICA TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL. ASSUME CONDLIFFE NO LONGER PLANNING TO COME.
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